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Congressman Barr presents \$529,000 school safety grant to Menifee School District**By Cecil Lawson**

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6th District US Representative Andy Barr was in the area last Thursday and presented a grant totaling over \$500,000 to the Menifee County School District for security upgrades on its two school campuses.

The \$529,000 grant was from the School Violence Prevention Program, a US Department of Justice competitive grant open to individual schools districts across the country.

The grant will be used to implement multiple safety measures to protect stu-



Photos courtesy of Lori Franklin, David Hale, and Rep. Barr's Office

U.S. Rep. Andy Barr spoke last Thursday at Menifee Central and presented a \$529,000 school security grant to the Menifee County School District. He is shown with, sitting from left, Gateway ADD Executive Director Josh Farrow, Board of Education Chairman Greg Spencer, County Judge/Executive Rick Stiltner, State Rep. David Hale, Dep. Supt. Joshua Kincaid, Menifee Central Principal Kelli Abney, Menifee High School Principal Cody Wolf, Academic Program Consultant Lana Swartz, High Quality Instructional Systems Director Dr. Leisa Reed, and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Jodi Blackburn.

dents and staff, including security cameras and card-only access for all school buildings.

The grant was written by School District Security Coordinator Lori Franklin and was awarded after

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A local prosecutor accused of doing for a defendant in exchange for nude photos and scheduled to appear at a Special Court this Friday in Clay for an evidentiary

Last Monday Supreme Court Justice John D. Minors issued an order against Hon. Jean Chen as Special Com

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phone and retrieve the messages from it.

Goldy is being represented by Louisville attorney

Tim Denison. Denison said during an August 8 hearing in the Maze case, "He is going to be a witness. He is not going to take the Fifth. He is not going to resign."

Denison also commented in an August 30 Courier-

Journal article that the allegations contained in the July 12 article on Goldy are "hearsay" and "conjecture," and that when all the facts come out, Goldy will be absolved.

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three previous applications.

A public ceremony was held at Menifee Central School last Thursday to celebrate the announcement.

"School safety has been a number one priority for this school district," Supt. Tim Spencer said.

He thanked Lori Franklin for her persistence in writing the grant application.

Supt. Spencer also introduced the latest school resource officer hired for the district, Kelly Bowman, as well as current SROs Travis Birchwell and Aaron Brown.

Spencer then introduced Rep. Andy Barr.

Barr noted that he had attended the groundbreaking for Menifee Central several years ago and was happy to be back.

"What a tremendous opportunity you all have to learn and grow and to get ready for high school and the rest of your lives in a safe and secure building," Barr told students. "School safety is on the minds of students, parents, and teachers all over this country, and it's so important that we provide that security in places of learning."

Barr said he supported the STOP Act in Congress and has co-sponsored the STOP II Act, which would provide funding for "hardening" school buildings, placing more mental health counselors in schools, and fund more school resource officers across the country.



From left, Menifee High School Principal Cody Wolf, Safe Schools Director Lori Franklin, State Rep. David Hale, U.S. Representative Andy Barr, Menifee Central Principal Kelli Abney, and Supt. Tim Spencer.

of Education members and the school district for having the foresight to hire SROs for Menifee's schools.

"Strengthening security protocols in our schools is the best way we can reduce the risk of violence in classrooms throughout America," he added.

Barr thanked the district's for working with his office in a "persistent, multi-year effort to obtain this grant." He told students that the lesson to be learned from this is to never give up, and he said he teaches the same thing to his own two girls, one of whom is in third grade and another in fifth grade.

Board of Education Chairman Greg Spencer thanked Rep. Barr for his support. Spencer noted that much has changed in the last eight years, but one thing board members adopted is a philosophy that students come first. "This is more evidence that, if you follow that path, look what can happen," Chairman Spencer said.

County Judge/Executive Rick Stiltner also thanked the school administration for their assistance

provide that," Stiltner said.

He also expressed his appreciation, as a retired KSP officer, for the school district hiring retired Kentucky State Police officers for the SRO positions. He encouraged student to use their time in their new, safe school to learn and build their futures with what they learn. "It's a great day for Menifee County and the school system," he said.

State Rep. David Hale said assisting with the construction of Menifee Central School will remain one of his most memorable accomplishments while serving in public office. Hale told students, "The number one thing here is the safety of you and the safety of all schools here in the county."

He told the SROs that it was an honor to have their protecting students in the district.

He noted that he observed the security measures already in place at Menifee Central. "When you make an American Congressman show his ID, you have good security in place," Hale said.

High School Principal

September 6, 2022

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